

## DSS Awards of Excellence

**Award Description** - The DSS Awards of Excellence honor exceptional individuals within the Division of Student Success who have made significant contributions to student outcomes, engagement, and holistic support. These awards celebrate staff members who have demonstrated excellence in fostering a culture of student success through innovation, collaboration, and a commitment to enhancing the overall student experience. Nominees must provide measurable evidence of their impact, such as improvements in student retention, graduation rates, or engagement with essential campus services. Successful candidates exemplify the values of teamwork and student-centered service, making a meaningful impact on the academic, personal, and professional development of Texas State University students.

For complete award information, including an overview of award criteria, selection process, and the required nomination materials, please visit <https://www.studentsuccess.txst.edu/resources/awards.html>.

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to providing written responses to questions included in this form, the person submitting this nomination will be asked to attach a letter of support written by another staff member. Those submitting the form will be able to save and edit their submission but may wish to obtain a PDF of the additional support letter prior to completing the form.

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### Section 1 - Your Information

1. First Name
2. Last Name
3. Department

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### Section 2 - Nominee Information

4. Nominee's First Name
5. Nominee's Last Name
6. Nominee's NetID
7. Nominee's Department
8. Awards of Excellence Category
9. Any nominee, except for a Graduate Student, must have at least two years of employment in the Division of Student Success. Graduate Student nominees must be in their current role at least one semester. Please verify that your nominee meets the required minimum time of employment.

By clicking here, I acknowledge verifying that my nominee meets minimum length of employment for eligibility.

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### **Section 3 - Nomination Questions**

*Responses to the questions below are intended to demonstrate how well the nominee meets some of the award criteria. Because the team reviewing nominations will use an Established Rubric for Assessing Nominees that evaluates all award criteria, those submitting the nomination or providing the additional letter are encouraged to visit DSS Awards & Recognition Resources page for additional criteria details. That page is available online at <https://www.studentsuccess.txst.edu/resources/awards.html>.*

10. Achievement of Student Success Goals: How has the nominee demonstrated measurable success in advancing the goals of the Division of Student Success, such as improving student retention, engagement, or graduation rates?

11. Innovation and Initiative: In what ways has the nominee exhibited innovation and initiative in their work, contributing to the improvement of student support services or enhancing the overall student experience?

12. Collaboration and Teamwork: How has the nominee actively engaged in collaborative efforts across departments or campus, and what impact has their teamwork had on student success or departmental goals?

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### **Section 4 - Additional Support for Nomination**

13. Are you Director of the nominee's department?

14. Please provide the name and email address of the nominee's departmental Director.

15. Please provide the name and email address of the individual providing the additional letter of support for the nomination.

16. Additional Letter of Support - Required to answer. *Letters should be submitted as PDF file.*

17. Please provide the name and NetID of the nominee's corresponding Assistant / Associate Vice President.